financial assistance to the Government of NCT of Delhi for treatment of water; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Samples of water supplied in Delhi are lifted by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) and Delhi Jal Board (DJB) separately and jointly for testing the quality of water. During April & May, 2005 DJB lifted 19,848 samples, out of which 605 were found unfit. MCD has also lifted 1425 samples of water out of which 408 were found unfit.The DJB and MCD jointly also lifted 1419 samples during May & June, 2005 out of which 09 were found unfit.

The reasons for failed samples include leakages in the individual connections, use of boosters, leakage in the service piplelines etc. Public is regularly advised to check the plumping system of their houses including service pipes. In cases where defects have been found in individual connections, the individuals have been asked by DJB to rectify the same. DJB also ensures that the water supplied by them conforms to the prescribed standards of quality.

Delhi Jal Board has 15 laboratories for quality control. Quality of water is checked from the stage of raw water to the storage in the service reservoir and the distribution system at the consumer's end. Analysis is carried on hourly basis in raw water and clear water at the treatment plant.

(b) and (c) At present, there is no Central Sector Scheme under water supply sector for providing central assistance for implementation of water supply schemes in Delhi.

Development of new townships around Delhi

87. SHRI LALIT SURI : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to build new townships around Delhi in the States of Rajasthan, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh to ease congestion in Delhi;

(b) if so, whether the sites for new townships have been identified;

(c) if so, the details thereof and whether the concerned State Governments would be asked to join in the projects; and

(d) by when the work on the projects is likely to begin and the expenditure likely to be incurred on each township, with the share of the Central/State Governments therein?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) The Government of Rajasthan has identified the site for new town in the Rajasthan sub-region of Shahjahanpur-Neemrana-Behror on NH-8. The Government of Haryana has also identified three locations for development of new townships at Samalkha, Sampla and Jahangirpuri-Badli. However, the projects are in the conceptual stage and the datails regarding funding pattern for implementation, the estimated cost or the likely date for taking up the projects are not available.

Construction of Houses under Self Financing Scheme

88. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct houses under the Self-financing scheme in Delhi during the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise, indicating the year of construction and the cost of such houses; and

(c) the funds sanctioned for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Question does not arise.

Corruption in DDA

†89. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the Vigilance Department of DDA itself is encouraging corruption;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.